# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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VANDE MATARAM SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government had introduced the Vande Mataram Scheme for the free check up of pregnant women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of private Gynecologists who got themselves associated with this scheme; and

(d) the amount allocated for this scheme for the current year?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The Vande Mataram Scheme was launched in February 2004 as a voluntary scheme under the auspices of the Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecological Society of India (FOGSI). FOGSI have appealed to its members to provide for free OPD services for ante-natal and post natal check up for pregnant women and family planning services on the 9th of every month free of cost and to refer such women who require treatment for any complications if necessary, to pre-identified referral centers. Instructions have been issued to all State Governments to facilitate the voluntary doctors by providing them with free Vande Mataram Boards for their clinics, create awareness in the community about the scheme and about the voluntary doctors and also to provide Iron Folic Acid Tablet, Injection Tetanus Toxoid, condoms and oral pills etc. for free distribution to the patients who attend the clinics of these doctors on the 9th of every month. These items are to be provided by the District Administrations from out of the funds and drugs available with them under the Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) Programme. No separate funds have therefore been earmarked for this scheme. As per the information made available by FOGSI, 1653 number of private Gynecologists volunteered and got themselves associated under the scheme for providing services.